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(A C O P Y.)

After our HEARTY COMMENDATIONS.

**W**HEREAS his Majesty's Service doth at this Time require a speedy Supply of Seamen and Seafaring Men to Man his Majesty's Fleet which is now fitting out, We do therefore, by his Majesty's Command, hereby pray and require You to cause all straggling Seamen who are fit to serve on board his Majesty's Ships, to be taken up and sent by proper Persons from place to place, until they shall be brought to the Clerks of the Cheque of his Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, or Plymouth, or to the Naval Officer at Harwich, or to any of the Officers employed in raising Men for his Majesty's Fleet at any other Ports, according as those Places shall be nearest to where such straggling Seamen shall be taken up, that so they may be put on Board such of his Majesty's Ships or Vessels as shall be appointed to receive them, and that there be paid to the Persons who shall be entrusted with the conducting them, by the aforesaid Clerks of the Cheque, or Naval Officer, or Officer employed in raising Men for his Majesty's Fleet, Forty Shillings for each Able Seaman, and Thirty Shillings for each Ordinary Seaman, fit for his Majesty's Service, and Sixpence a Mile for every Mile they respectively Travel; but if the Man so taken up shall be sent to any Place where no such Clerk of the Cheque, or Naval Officer, or Officer employed in raising Men doth reside, that then the same Allowance be paid to the Conductors by the Collectors or proper Officers of the Customs, residing at or nearest to the Place whereunto they shall be brought (out of Money to be furnished them for that Purpose by the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury as heretofore) upon Certificate from the Captain or Commander of the Ship or Vessel whereinto they shall be put, the same to be reimbursed to the said Officers of the Customs, by the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, upon their transmitting to the said principal Officers and Commissioners, authentic Accounts of what Monies they shall expend. And so not doubting of your Zeal and Vigour in the Performance of this Service, we bid you Farewell from the Council Chamber at St. James's, the 21st Day of June, 1782.

Your loving Friends,



CAMDEN, P.  
MANCHESTER,  
DORSET,  
GOWER,  
EDM. BURKE,  
C. J. FOX.

*To our loving Friends the Justices of the  
Peace of the County of Lancaster.*